

Bar Hill News

The Monthly Magazine of the Residents Association

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Do you have a 'Skidcat' living in your house? No I'm not referring to the feline species that may be having trouble staying upright in this icy weather, but to your son (or daughter)! 'Skidcats', of course, are that ever increasing number of youngsters who have taken to skateboards, and this message is especially for them.

With no local skateboard park, where can you practice your 'Wheelies' and 'Nose Grabs'? Of course you have no choice but to make your runs and ramps wherever there are suitable natural hills such as in Pheasant Rise, Otter Close and the Spine path.

No, I'm not going to ask you to stop skateboarding in these areas, but please think of your own and others safety. So don't use the roads and try to avoid a 'Wipeout' into fences and gates - not only can it damage someones property but it won't do you any good either. If you build a run with bricks or wood, then please take them away when you've finished - they are no fun when you fall over them at night!

As there are several lads coming into the village to use our slopes I would be grateful if you could all pass the word around.

Remember this is your village as much as your parents. Now go out and enjoy yourselves.



The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Trevor Grey 70 Pheasant Rise 81204	(Chairman)
Neil Hassall 25 Oatlands Ave	(Secretary)
David Price 82 Foxhollow 80186	(Treasurer)
Jo Hall 11 Almond Grove 80304	Martin Churchill
Mervyn Pope 3 Foxhollow 80392	13 Oatlands Ave 81311
Mike Sargeant 45 Pheasant Rise 80742	Neel Martine
Derek Ford 137 Pheasant Rise 80964	24 Pheasant Rise 80802
Gerry Brunning 29 Otter Close 81085	Bob Maltby
Eric Levitt 27 Oatlands Ave 80266	5 Appletrees
Maureen Burlton 99 Pheasant Rise 80987	

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Minutes of a meeting of Bar Hill Residents Assoc.
held at Bar Hill School (Classroom) on Tuesday,
7th February, 1978

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January were read and approved.
2. Apologies for absence were received from D. Price, G. Brunning, and J. Hall.
3. Matters arising from last meeting - nil.
4. It was decided that a minimum value should be put on motoring equipment before offering it for sale. This to be done at next meeting.
5. Flooding - Village Green and Adventure Playground

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary should approach the Parish Council for information regarding drainage etc.

6. Skateboards - Suggested editorial on this topic.
7. Information Booklet

The production of the Information Booklet was discussed and it was agreed by the Committee that an offer by Mrs. Ingram to compile and cost was accepted. She will report to the Committee hopefully at the next meeting. When production costs were known, we could then offer advertising at reasonable rates to anyone who is interested.

8. Secretary's correspondence

Correspondence read out to Committee on postal subscriptions, letter to Parish Council etc.

The Secretary suggested as many committee members as possible should attend the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on 5th April, 1978.

National Playing Fields Association - letter received and representative to attend meeting at Sawston Village College at a future date.

9. Treasurer's Report

Deposit Account - £216.89
Current Account at beginning of year - £37.96
Credits - £2 from advertising
Debits - £1.56 Interest payable to bank
 £43.27 Bar Hill News materials.

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10. Subscriptions

Advertising Manager having Subscription cards printed for collectors. Letters for collectors being typed. Collection date to be decided at next meeting.

11. Fete

There was a proposal to organise a sub-committee for this event, by the Chairman. This was agreed and this sub-committee is formed by:

Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ford, Mr. Maltby,
Mr. Croy, Mrs. Burlton, Mr. Patine and
Mr. Sargeant.

12. Any other business

- a. Where have stakes gone to on village green? Parish Council to be asked.
- b. Structure Plan - Committee agreed with Parish Council's comments.
- c. Distributor needed for Bar Hill News for factories and shops areas of the village.
- d. Once again parking at top of Oatlands Avenue has been commented on by residents.
- e. It was suggested that note be made that a labrador is frequently loose in the village.
- f. The Playgroup organising petition over school entry age.

The meeting ended at 10.15 p.m.

Note from the Secretary - Apologies for not advising public that this was an open meeting.

SPLINTER GROUPS

If splinter groups are to be formed over controversial issues in certain areas, could they please inform the Residents Assoc. of the action they intend to take so that we can assist in any way possible, or advise us and let us do it on their behalf.

INFORMATION BOOKLET

Could any resident wishing for any relevant information to be recorded in this booklet please get touch with Mary Ingram, 17 Otter Close,
Tel: Crafts Hill 80447

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Bar Hill Residents Association Committee meeting
to be held at Bar Hill School - Classroom 8.00pm
on Tuesday 7th March 1978.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Matters arising from minutes.
4. Village Hall Committee meeting (report)
5. Motoring equipment.
6. Information Booklet (present position)
7. Subscriptions.
8. Treasurers report.
9. Secretaries correspondence.
10. Pete - sub committee report.
11. Bar Hill News - editors comments.
12. Any other business.

All members of the public are welcome to the
meeting.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Special Notes

A. Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the
Church Centre at 7.30 p.m. on the 5th April 1978.
Please come along if you can - this is your
meeting.

B. Refuse collection over Easter - there will be
No collection on Good Friday, March 24th.
Please do not put your rubbish bags or bins in
the street and leave them there until the next
collection.

Rates for 1978/1979

The Clerk gave a short explanation of the proposed
Rates situation for the coming year. (cont)

Proposal to go before the County Council

County rate to be increased by 12p.
District rate to be decreased by 1p.
Parish rate to be decreased by 1.8p.

The rise in the County rate was caused mainly by three factors and despite large cuts in expenditure was inevitable:-

1. National cuts in the overall Government subsidy-Cambridgeshire's growth rate of 7.5% was far above the National average, which was mainly static. Two years population growth was assumed by the Government to necessitate no additional expenditure to the County and our share of the reduced Government Grant has not been increased to cover this increase of services necessary.
2. Rise in running costs caused by wages increase and added cost of materials and services.
3. The necessity to carry out committed development items, which involve capital expenditure, this year to hopefully reduce future costs.

The overall approach of the County has been both prudent and realistic.

The District Council is to be congratulated on their achievement of reducing their rate.

The Parish rate was expected to be slightly down and this was due to careful planning of our future programmes. The fact that it was more than expected was caused by a large increase in the 1p rate to approximately £3,500 and to a larger amount of credit at the 1977/8 financial year end. Considering the enormous maintenance commitments of our village-far in excess of a place five times as large-the reduction is most encouraging for us all.

Chairman's Report

A request has been received from the BHRA for various information to be made available to them by the Council. The Chairman therefore made a short statement outlining the correct procedure that had to be followed. Normally only material that has been discussed in Public Session by the Council and minuted can be handed out. However, he assured the BHRA that the Council would always endeavour to keep them fully informed as far as was possible and he hoped that the close co-operation between them and the Council would continue always.

The setting up of a Maintenance Sub-Committee to examine and report back on all facts of the maintenance in the village was announced. It was anticipated that this examination and recommendations would take about two months.

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Maintenance Manager's Report

Special reports on various aspects of the maintenance had already been circulated to Councillors. These would form part of the material for the new Sub-Committee to discuss and therefore no discussion would now take place.

Eighty further trees (gift from the Council) had been planted in the village as part of the overall landscaping plan.

The Maintenance Manager then outlined his department's plan for draining the play areas of the village green by a stone drainage system. After a long discussion this was approved and will be carried out as soon as the weather is suitable.
Planning Sub-Committee

This committee will now have full executive powers and will hold Public Meetings each month.

An application by MARUBENI-KOMATSU Ltd to construct a repair and servicing plant for earth moving equipment in Bar Hill has been strongly apposed by the Council as being totally unsuitable from every environmental point of view.

Other Items

1. Craft's Exhibition on 2nd July, 1978

The Council warmly support this venture and will be pleased to supply the prizes.

2. Playgroup Petition about future enrolment at the School

The Council wholeheartedly supports this petition and will be writing to the Chairman of the Education Committee.

3. Tescos' Trolleys

The Council is concerned about the vast number of trolleys that are being abandoned in the village and appeals to all residents to help eradicate this growing problem.

Full minutes will be posted on the Notice Board in due course.

Next Meeting will be on 21st March at 8p.m. in the Green Hut.

D. CouzinWood
Parish Clerk

ITS COSTING US MONEY

Thoughtless acts by a few youngsters either damaging property, spoiling trees and shrubs or creating excessive litter are wasting our money.

If the time and the resources of our Maintenance Department are taken up repairing damage and removing rubbish they cannot be used in carrying out improvements to the amenities of our village.

Everyone suffers because future plans are delayed and the promised improvements are not forthcoming.

I appeal to you all to help minimise this unnecessary waste. If you see acts being committed either stop them or tell the Maintenance Staff or myself.

Our open spaces and amenities are precious to us all and must be maintained and improved.

Thank you all in anticipation, I know that you will help us.

Yours Sincerely,

Derek Couzin-Wood.
Parish Clerk and Maintenance Manager.
Tel. No. 81129

BAR HILL NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES REGISTER

National Housewives Register has only one meeting in March.

Tuesday 14th March 2pm at 12 Acorn Avenue.

"A survey of women's magazines". Come along and listen to the comments or voice your opinion. Children are welcome.

Advance notice of the first meeting in April.
Tuesday 4th April 8pm at 77 Foxhollow.

"Autism" - a talk by Mrs. Margaret Heppel who lives in the village.

New members are always welcome. Do ring me for further information.

Jean Swanson
Tel. 80353

BAR HILL CHURCH

Ministers: Rev Richard Smart, The Rectory, Scotland Road, Dry Drayton. Tel. Crafts Hill 80828
Rev Gladys Seymour, The Church House, 19 Acorn Avenue, Bar Hill. Tel. Crafts Hill 80331

The Church, sponsored by the Baptist Union, the church of England, the Methodist Church, the Religious Society of Friends and the United Reformed Church, welcomes the co-operation of all Christians in its life and work. We especially extend a warm welcome to all new residents in the village.

Sunday Services

10.00a.m. Family Worship & Communion
8.00 p.m. Prayer Fellowship

At the 10 a.m. service a creche is provided for the under threes. 3-12 years normally leave after opening worship to meet in their own age groups.

Preachers at 10.00 a.m.

March 5th Rev Richard Smart
March 12th Rev Gladys Seymour
March 19th Rev Richard Smart
March 26th Easter Day Rev Gladys Seymour
April 2nd Rev Gladys Seymour

Mothering Sunday March 5th

There will be a special service at 2.45 when mothers are invited to bring their prams into the octagon for the service.

Good Friday March 24th

We join with St. Andrews Oakington, and Oakington Methodist Church for a United Service at Oakington Methodist Church at 11 a.m. There will be a service at Bar Hill Church Centre at 2.00 p.m.

Lent Communion

Every Wednesday in the chapel at 10.30 a.m.

March 3rd Women's World Day of Prayer
Service at the Church Centre at 10.30 a.m.

Death

We extend our loving sympathy to Bob and Pat Muir, of 25 Acorn Avenue on the death of their 14-month old daughter, Emma, in New Addenbrookes Hospital on Monday February 20th.

BAR HILL NEWS

Buffet Lunch

Wednesday 8th March Church Centre 12 Noon.

3 Course Lunch

Thursday 16th March at the home of Julia
Harrison, 20 Almond Grove. Names to Julia by
Tuesday 14th March. Adults 40p Children 20p.
Tel. 80834

Thursday March 2nd

Abbatt Toy Sale-Church Centre 9.30a.m. - 11.30am
Ip.m. - 3.30p.m.
Toys available on day or you can order them.

BAR HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place in the school at 8 p.m. on 8th March 1978. If you would like to help in the organising of the activities of the society would you please let me have your nominations before 8 p.m. 8th March. The committee is very small and your help is greatly needed. If you would like to help but need to know more, contact me and I will answer any questions you have.

A film is being obtained to accompany the A.G.M. The title is 'A Garden Grows' and deals with step by step instruction on building a garden.

Society Shop The Shop opens regularly this month (every Sunday 11.30 a.m. to 12.30p.m.) for the spring, summer and autumn season. The shop can only serve members of the society.

This months topic Growing cauliflower, I find, is the hardest vegetable to grow especially to obtain a head to give four servings. This problem can be reduced if you are very selective in the seedlings used. When sowing your seed, sow more than you will require. Sow the seed in a position that will have maximum light. Seeds sown against a wall or in shade will be weak and drawn and will not develop a curd. Seedling selection is therefore of great importance and only the very strongest should be used even if it means resowing. Taking care at this stage will give you a better chance of success.

LadiesKeep-Fit

Bar Hill Junior School, Monday Evenings 7.30-9.30p.m.

The Summer Term starts on Monday April 17th. We are always pleased to see new members and people who have supported us in the past, so do come along and join in. If you are new to Keep-Fit and would like to see the kind of thing we do, you are welcome to come along on any of the remaining Monday evenings this term to join in or watch, (this term finishes Monday March 20th). We have a lively atmosphere in our class and aim at a balance of fun and hard work, come and see.

Mrs. Valerie Freane
Class Leader

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BAR HILL BRANCH

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month 8p.m. in the School. All Service, ex Service members are invited. All descendants of ex service members are eligible and will be warmly welcomed.

Would you as a member of the age group 16 yrs to 20yrs be interested in forming a committee, sponsored by your local British Legion Branch but running and doing your own thing. Come along to our next meeting, we'll help you.

The same offer is extended to ladies, open age group, you organise it, form a ladies section and remember, you do not need to have been an HM Forces serving member.

Did you realise that the Eastern area donated £8,000 to aid those suffering the misfortune of the recent East Anglian floods and are you aware of the Bar Hill Branch's local and active committees commitment to support and assist distressed local ex service British Legion members.

Look out for our forthcoming membership drive.

Our sincere thanks to Messrs Patrick Stephens Ltd. Publishers and Kitchen Range (Foods) Ltd for their generous donations.

Tom Stephenson Hon Sec.
Tel. 80593

1st BAR HILL GUIDES

During the Easter Holidays the Guides are having a sponsored knit-in to raise funds and to make blankets for the children of Ida Darwin Hospital. We would be grateful for contributions of wool (any ply), also old garments which could be unpicked. If you could help us please contact one of the persons below who will be pleased to arrange collection.

J. Hall,
11 Almond Grove
Tel. 80304

J. Kempson
35 Pheasant Rise
Tel. 80778

J. Ellis
60 Foxhollow
Tel 81072

HEALTH CENTRE

We would like to welcome our new Health visitor Mrs. Kidman.

1ST. BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

Scout Job Week - or as some of our older readers will remember it, Bob a Job Week. This year Job Week is from March 27th to April 1st inclusive and once again the boys will be calling on you to see if you have any jobs that they can do for you. It is the only one time in the year that Cubs and Scouts ask for work and also expect payment for the efforts as during the rest of the year these jobs are done as good turns and no reward is expected or asked for. Job Week however is the time when the boys themselves can take a part in raising funds for the Scout movement both at a local and national level and when they have taken part in something like this it is easier for them to appreciate what scouting needs to make it work for their benefit. In previous years the village has always done us proud during Job Week and we look forward to your co-operation this year. Please try and have at least one job that a boy can do for you, more if possible! How much you pay is up to you, just fill in the card with the job done, ask for a 'Job Done' sticker to put on your front door or window and then other Cubs and Scouts will know not to call again.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION - fund raising again but this time at a local level only. All cash earned from the sale of waste paper is used for the benefit of the Cubs and Scouts of this village either by the purchase of equipment for their use or going towards improving facilities in our area, such as the county camp site, that they use during the year. This month we will be collecting your paper on Saturday 11th March, starting as usual at 9 a.m. As the van goes round the village it will be preceded by a hand bell to remind you that we are coming. Once again, your support with this venture is much appreciated.

A Sad Goodbye - to Mike Bamford who has been an Instructor with the Friday night Cub Scouts for a long time now, who will be leaving the village round about Easter Time to take up another job. Mike came forward with an offer to help when the fortunes of the Pack were at a low ebb and it is without doubt thanks to his work and help that the Pack finds itself in the strong position it is to-day. He will be missed not just by the Cubs but by all those connected with the Scout movement here on the village. On behalf of us all, Mike, good luck with the new job and our best wishes to both you, Pat and the children in your new home.

Gerry Craske

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Thank you for contributing to and supporting our Jumble Sale. It was a dreadful day, weather wise but we made £32.76.

Our next fund-raising event is the Easter Fayre on Thursday 23rd March from 10 - 12.00 at the Church Centre. Attractions will include - Hot-Cross Buns, Cakes, Refreshments, Pottery (more Denby bargains) and Habadashery.

You may remember that we need to raise £2,000 towards equipping and furnishing the Playgroup room in the proposed Village Hall. This year we opened a Building Society account and to date have £2,058.45 in this account - £1,058.45 of this amount has been raised by the various activities, sale of paints etc. and commission from Abbatt Toys, since last May.

Although we now have more than the £2,000 we feel sure it will all be necessary for the new room and for replacing and replenishing existing equipment.

We look forward to your continued support.

Liz Saxton

8 o'clock Club

Next meeting- Thursday March 2nd at 8 p.m. in the Mobile classroom. The speaker will be Mr. Harry Fox, retired Chief Inspector of the Cambridgeshire Police, who will give a talk on his life as a policeman. Tickets will be on sale for the Birthday Party. If you are unable to attend please could you contact Adela, 11 Gladeside, who will have some tickets for sale until March 23rd.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOCIETY FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Wallis of Cambridge are presenting a Spring Fashion Show at Homerton College, Hills Road, Cambridge, on Wednesday 15th March at 8 p.m.

Tickets £1 are available from:-

Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove, or Margaret Heppell 56 Foxhollow.

All proceeds to Cambs. Society for Autistic Children.

BAR HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

Results

Ist XI

Jan 29 N.C.I. Won 3-2
Feb 5
Feb 19 Phoenix Res. Won 2-1

2nd XI

Feb 5 C.I.B.A. Res. Won 2-1

Forthcoming Fixtures

Ist XI

March 5 Soham Town Rangers. Away
March 12th Y.C. Athletic Home
April 2nd Swaffham United Home

2nd XI

March 5 C.D.P. Pye Home
March 12 Netherhall Y.C. Away
March 19 Littleport Y.C.O.B. Home
April 2 Standen Home

ADVERTISEMENT.

Tel. Crafts Hill 80216

Is anyone in Bar Hill interested in organising a Wargaming Club (Fantasy preferred)?

_____ J. Pitman

Annual Subscriptions

Resident Association Committee members will be calling on you to collect the yearly subscriptions. We hope you will give us your support so that the good work being done through the distribution of News Monthly will continue to help every resident to keep in touch with village life and activity.

Pat and Bob Muir would like to thank everyone for all the help, kindness and sympathy shown during Emma's illness and their sad loss.

CAN YOU MAKE TEA?



IF SO WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR
FROM YOU BECAUSE

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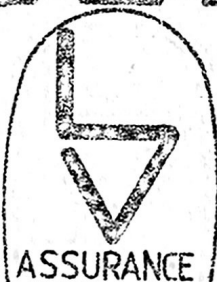
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